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Music and beauty are exalted at the
Big Sur JazzFest

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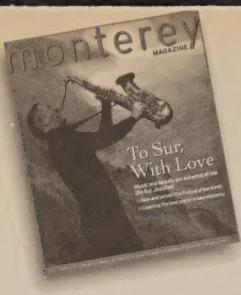


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EDITOR'S NOTE

The Big Sur Marathon, which went off April 26, is perhaps the most counterintuitive event in all of sport. Runners begin the race in Big Sur and then actually run away from this place that is so weepingly beautiful.

The marathoners are no less baffled than the California Gray Whale. Having migrated south from Alaska during the cooler climes of December, they turn their tails north in Spring, just as things are warming up and the coast is at its most resplendent.

Their northern migration can be seen from any roadside turnout, as the whale swim slowly against the wise current. Big Sur — taken from its Spanish name "El Sur Grande," or "The Big South" — is world-renowned, yet its primitive beauty is so vast that it leaves the

impression that much of it is left to be explored. Over the years, an increasing number have had revealed to them the Big Sur Jazzfest, an event that is perhaps among the world's great fusions of art and nature, and that is indeed a great discovery. The music there is as nuanced as the place in which it is played.

I encourage you to take advantage of this event, in this place, and to plan to stay awhile. The Big Sur coast has been there for millions of years. We don't have that luxury.

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Sur-real

The Big Sur Jazzfest is perhaps the world's most splendid combination of music and beauty

By Tom Birmingham

On April 11, Cuban-born pianist Omar Sosa took the stage at Unity Church in San Luis Obispo. With his seven-piece band, he filled the enormous hall with distinct Cuban/Afro rhythms infectious enough to raise the rafters — and the congregation from its seats for three standing ovations.

A mere three weeks later, Sosa brings his act to the Big Sur JazzFest (May 3-5), in a setting that may just be the world's premier fusion of glorious music and scenery. Boasting world-renowned acts in an intimate setting that inspires community and camaraderie, the Big Sur JazzFest may be Monterey County's least-known cultural commodity.

Just recently, Dan Oullette of DownBeat Magazine wrote, "The Big Sur Jazzfest is the most perfect setting for jazz on the planet."

Big Sur is a unique blend of quirky small-town and cosmopolitan. This quality is embodied in the 2002 festival, the seventh installment of what has become an annual pilgrimage for jazz devotees.

This year's JazzFest combines world-class artists such as pianists Brad Mehldau, guitarist Russell Malone and drummer Scott Amendola with the creative spirit of the local rhythm and dance troupe, The Big Sur Natives.

JazzFest weekend is comprised of two parts. On Friday and Saturday, JazzFest visitors follow the music from cafe



to art gallery to restaurant along scenic Highway 1, which doubles as Big Sur's main street.

Friday night the Sierra Mar Restaurant at Post Ranch Inn showcases Bay Area singer Kitty Margolis in an intimate setting above the Pacific.

Saturday afternoon finds revelers at the Henry Miller Memorial Library, where Eric Person & Meta-Four share the bill with the Russell Malone Quartet under the looming redwoods.

The JazzFest culminates Sunday with an all-day music extravaganza at Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park. Sunday in the Park

begins at 11 a.m. The legendary Big Sur Natives will provide a dance and a backdrop for seven hours of non-stop jazz.

And of course, there is Sosa. He will perform a Friday night benefit for the Big Sur Volunteer Fire Brigade. This exclusive engagement will bring a small number of visitors high on a ridge to share the evening.

Under the direction of the Big Sur Arts Initiative since 2000, all JazzFest events support art, music, and performing arts enrichment programs serving children, youth and families in the Big Sur community.

For a complete calendar of May's musical events in Monterey County, please see page 29.

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Blow and behold

Two wind festivals take advantage of one of the coast's natural resources

By Laura Cameron

If you go

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When: May 10-12, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Admission: Free

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Unsuspecting visitors trundling down Highway 1 toward Monterey spot them from miles away. "Ooh, what a big hawk that must be," the driver might say.

Upon closer review, however, he might realize that hawk has blue wings and is eight feet across.

What the travelers have spotted is a flock of hang-gliders just — forgive the expression — hanging out over the sand dunes of Marina. They are joined by a fluttering red octopus, four-foot-tall box kites, and delicate Balinese butterfly kites, all supported by on-shore breezes of 10-20 mph.

Anything and everything fit for airborne fun is on display at the Marina International Festival of the Winds (May 10-12). In Glorya Jean Tate Park, there are kite-making workshops, a giant inflatables air park for kids, and an aeronautical science and technology display of interest to all ages, sponsored by the MESA (Mathematics, Engineering, Science Achievement) Program of UC Santa Cruz and CSU Monterey Bay.

Popular local bands, including Red Beans &

Rice, the Cachagua Playboys, and John "Broadway" Tucker's Blues Band, provide the back beat.

But the hottest action is down on the dunes of Marina State Beach. After Friday's qualifying heats, Saturday and Sunday will see steeplechase hang-gliding races, tandem hang-gliding demonstrations, a target-landing competition, radio-controlled glider races, and stunt-flying contests.

The mood is more mellow at Carmel-by-the-Sea's 7th Annual Ernest Calley Kite Festival. It commemorates two local enthusiasts: the Reverend Willis G. White, who founded the festival in the 1930s, and schoolteacher Ernest Calley, who taught hundreds of Carmel students how to make kites when he took over the festival in the 1950s.

On May 19, contestants in four age categories vie for ribbons and trophies. Both commercial and hand-made kites are judged for how high they fly, but only hand-mades are eligible for the Best Design award.

Every kite must be airborne to be considered a contestant. Fortunately, there are no kite-eating trees on Carmel Beach, the setting for the festival.



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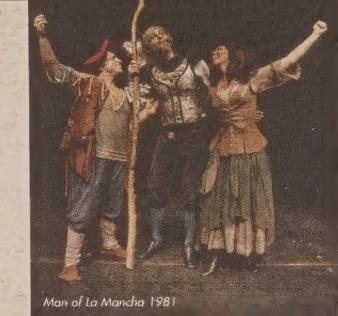
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By
Craig
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"I think some people outside our area just think of Salinas as lettuce fields."

Not an uncommon complaint, but to Jeffrey Heyer, publicist for The Western Stage, it has added weight. The theater company begins its 27th season in May, and Heyer is trying to draw an audience to a region dominated by agriculture.

Located on the campus of Hartnell College, The Western Stage is a head of lettuce's throw from downtown Salinas and the Steinbeck Center, and continues to be part of the city's determined renaissance. In recent years it has produced some of the most

accomplished live theater in Monterey County, capitalizing on Salinas's link to Steinbeck — it's the only theater company consistently permitted by Steinbeck's estate to adapt the author's works — while also providing an array of outreach and children's programs. The 500-

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Western Stage opens its new season in the wake of a

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The agony and the ecstasy

Though his work has been monumental, artist Richard MacDonald's world is constantly evolving



ART

By Edna Crawford Watson

Artist Richard MacDonald breezes like a Persian tour guide through the sprawling complex of his 25,000-square-foot executive office and studio complex, pointing and turning, pointing and assessing the finer points of the business life.

Without him, his guests might have to walk around to find bread crumbs to mark their way, as each room opens into another in a maze of creativity. There is art at various stages of development. Likewise, the space itself is being renovated to accommodate the apprentices, semi-professionals and students-in-residence jured to partake of his master workshops on three-and-a-half wooded acres in Monterey.

This is the modern-day saga of an earnest boy, lost in the woods of his youth, finally freed the sword from the stone and used it to sculpt a monument.

Few sculptors have come from a place called Nowhere to achieve international and historical significance in the world of figurative art. Richard MacDonald is unique in the anomaly.

One of the finer figurative sculptors to cross the threshold into the new millennium, MacDonald credits his talent, vision, and his success to triumph over tragedy.

"When I was 15," said MacDonald, "my brother, the person I'd shared a room with for 14 years, was killed in a car accident. It wasn't my fault, but I took full responsibility for it. He was to have ridden with me but I was late. The ride he took was in the accident."

MacDonald responded with rebellion. He failed art classes. In fact, he failed every subject. He adopted a James Dean

credo, "Live fast, die young and leave a good-looking corpse." His family began to believe he was destined to destroy himself.

It was his uncle, legendary designer Chuck Ax, who put on the brakes and freed his nephew from the wreckage of his life.

"Not knowing I could do anything," MacDonald said, "he took me to a hole-in-the-wall art school in Miami and said, 'Sit down and draw 'til I get back.' I believe he wanted to teach me to feel again. I found something I could be passionate about. I loved it."

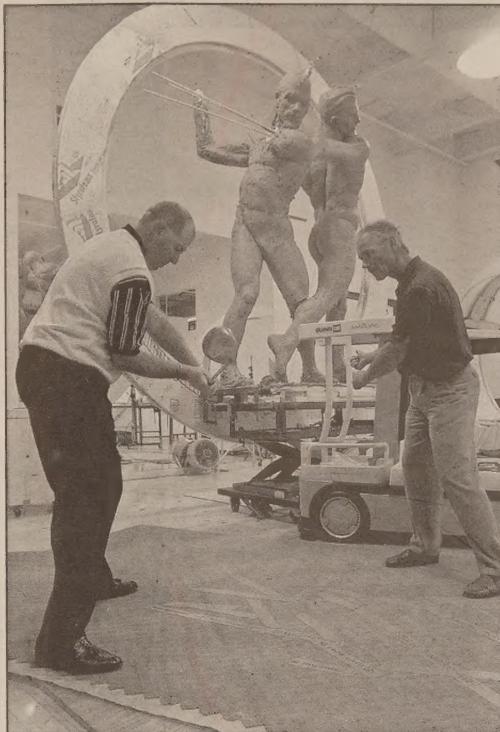
On Ax's advice, MacDonald applied to the Los Angeles Art Center, his uncle's alma mater, but was rejected for poor academics. Determined to follow his uncle's path, he spent two years building his credibility and his grades before achieving a full scholarship to the prestigious school. He graduated with honors as an illustrator.

MacDonald left school a professional, catapulting from academia into the high-stakes arena of illustrating for Fortune 500 companies and the largest advertising agencies in the world. He became a member of the National Society of Illustrators, gaining international recognition.

MacDonald illustrated three consecutive Olympic Games. He illustrated a book for the Miami Dolphins. He moved to Atlanta to produce a number of corporate sports illustrations, earning him representation in the NFL and NBA halls of fame and the permanent collection of the National Art Museum of Sport.

Along the way, MacDonald learned not only the importance of commerce in

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Art colony

The Carmel Art Festival carries forth the tradition of plein aire artists making a pilgrimage to the Monterey Peninsula

If you go

13TH
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CARMEL ART
FESTIVAL

Where: Devendorf Park, Carmel

When: May 16-19

Phone: 831-626-1766

By Edna Crawford Watson

There was a time, whenever painters and photographers, poets and writers entered into the "plein air" of Carmel-by-the-Sea, it was considered a festival of sorts. Unplanned, not always proper and definitely unpredictable, it was always a celebration of their own particular paradise. Elberton Fortune, Armin Hansen, Mary Abel Morgan, Percy Gray, Paul Whitman and others came with their

implements to foster a personal vision of art and to a community that would support it. They knew art had preceded them in the crashing sea and windswept sand, the mysterious cypress and the unreleased stone. They were here to capture it, chronicle it and conserve it but never to forsake it.

Nearly a century later, these artists have become the heritage of Carmel and their work, its legacy. In keeping with the tradition that has kept their vision alive, the

Carmel Gallery Alliance will host its 9th annual Carmel Art Festival (May 16-19), an international celebration of the arts, which brings together artists and collectors, tourists and townspeople to relive the rich cultural tradition that is Carmel.

"What began as a kind of ritual," said Festival Director Marie Wainscoat, "has become a world-class juried exhibition of some of the country's finest artists. The artists are pleased to be honored, and the collectors appreciate the opportunity to

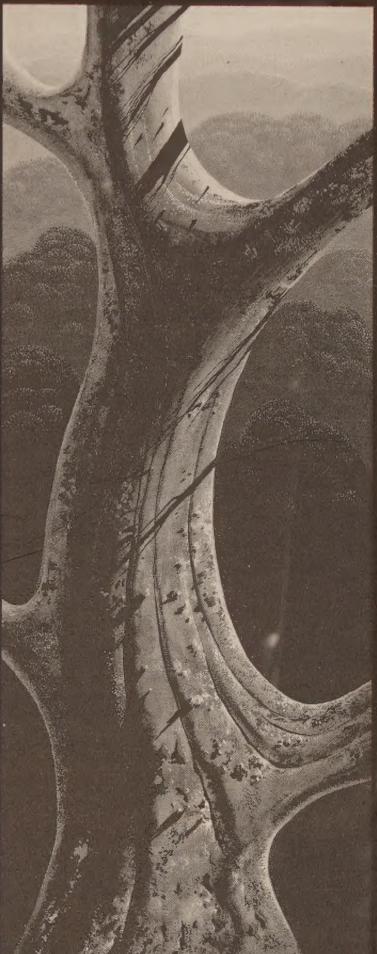
meet the artists and see their work."

Each year, as the festival begins, the artistry exists in the landscape, the seascape and the other elements that compose the beauty of the area.

Yet, through the Plein Air Painting Competition, which will commence on May 16 and conclude with an awards ceremony and the Silent and Live auctions on May 18, more than 75 participating artists will ransom the

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Boards

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management shift — longtime artistic director Tom Humphrey departed last year to teach at the University of North Carolina, and Hartnell replaced him with TWS veteran Jon Patrick Selover. "It's a good sign of the college's confidence in us not to bring in someone from the outside," Heyer said. Selover will form a triumvirate with artistic program director Melissa Chin Parker and managing director John Light, and continue Western Stage's blend of entertainment and education.

This includes several multicultural commitments. Heyer cites the company's work toward a long-term arrangement with the African American Theater Arts Troupe, and the ongoing evaluation of scripts by and about Asian Americans. In a reflection of the area's local majority, the theater will shortly announce the title of a major Hispanic novel to be adapted for the stage, and Hartnell will offer a new class on Chicano theater.

Here's a thumbnail sketch of some summer season highlights:

- **"Laughter on the 23rd Floor"**
Neil Simon's light fictionalization of his years spent on the writing staff of comedian Sid Caesar's "Your Show of Shows" is marked

by Simon's brutally-paced one-liners and a complex portrait of the volatile Caesar, here dubbed Max Prince. May 10-June 30.

- **"The Diary of Anne Frank"**

Adapted by Wendy Kesselman, this somber and candid account of a Jewish girl and her family's ordeal in Nazi-occupied Amsterdam is intended for the entire family. It includes material from the diary formerly withheld by Frank's late father, Otto, who died in 1980. May 25-June 28.

- **"Some Enchanted Evening"**

Rodgers and Hammerstein's tribute to old Broadway includes the songs "Oh What a Beautiful Mornin'," "Shall We Dance?", and "Climb Every Mountain." June 22-July 13.

- **"Of Mice and Men"**

Steinbeck's classic, which begins and ends on the Salinas River, is a miniature epic of cruelty and innocence. The Western Stage is using Steinbeck's own theatrical adaptation, which is not intended for young children. July 19-August 4.

- **"Man of La Mancha"**

The inspirational musical, based on the Cervantes classic "Don Quixote," is an illustration of unstoppable idealism. It's perhaps best known for the rousing song "The Impossible Dream." August 10-31.

LAUGHTER ON THE FLOOR
When: May 10-June 30
• Go back to the age of '50s sitcoms for Neil Simon's comedy of the absurd, "Caesar's胡子." Your Show of Shows, based on the original comedy with some time — Simon, Mel Brooks, Allen and Larry Gelbart.
THE DREAM OF ANNIE FRANK
When: May 25-June 28
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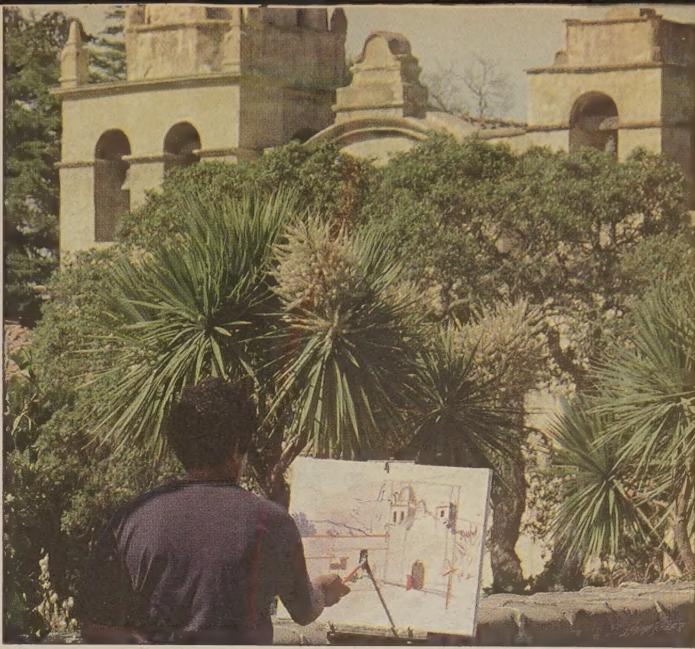
If the legends behind this festival are those artists of yesterday who established Carmel as an art colony, the legacy must be the young artists of today. This year, the Carmel Youth Art Show will be dedicated to the late Hank Ketcham, the affable cartoonist who brought Dennis the Menace out of the inkwell and into our hearts.

In addition to a \$1,500 Hank Ketcham Scholarship, senior Carmel high-school students will be eligible for the \$1,000 Thomas Kinkade Foundation Scholarship, as well as the \$1,000 Billie DiMonaco Scholarship provided by the Carmel Gallery Alliance in honor of the woman who established the Carmel Youth Art Show as part of the festival nine years ago.

"As every successful person knows," said DiMonaco, "you must be creative in whatever you're doing to be able to have success. It's important for our community to support our children in their creative energies."

Throughout the weekend, more than 40 galleries will host their own exhibitions, demonstrations and receptions. By the time the last canvas dries, the festival administrators will hope to allocate an estimated \$20,000 in net proceeds among children's art programs throughout Monterey County.

For a complete calendar of May's artistic activities in Monterey County, please see page 29.



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art, but also that he no longer wanted to be an illustrator.

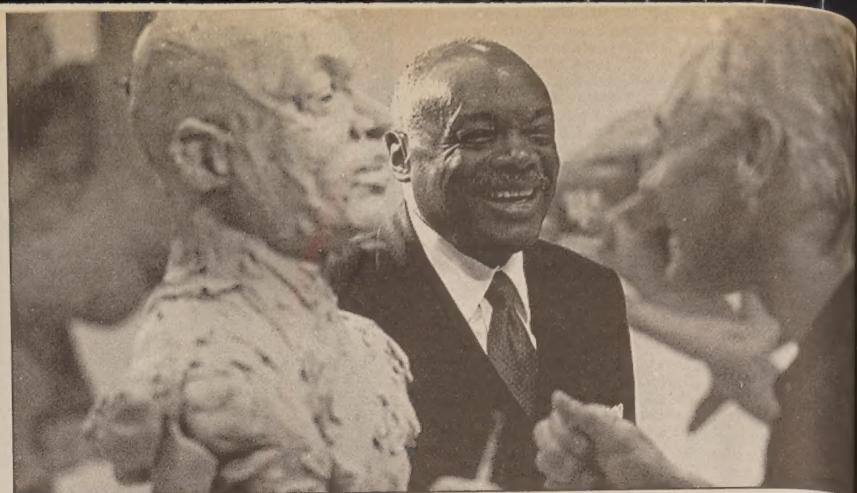
"With illustration," he said, "you could pick up a magazine, turn the page and be done with my work. That was it. In fine art, I could create something that would last a thousand years. It was then that I realized I had done enough. It wasn't who I was or what I wanted to be. It was a very successful career, but when it's not enough, it's not enough."

Not unlike Michelangelo, who transitioned from Ghirlandaio's house of painters to the Medici Sculpture Garden, MacDonald's subsequent move from illustration to sculpture seemed as smooth as marble.

"The ease of the transition," he said, "lay in my passion and love for art and art history, and my understanding that I could do it. I have always been determined not to be restricted in my expression, regardless of the medium. Sculpture was merely one more path to pursue."

Compelled to convey his own sense of the strength, energy and passion of mankind, he launched a "personal exploration of human theater," creating several series of mimes, dancers, athletes and his renowned "Architectonics Works," each a tribute to the triumph and celebration of the human spirit.

His enthusiasm was further ignited by the invitation to create a five-story centerpiece for the Olympic Games. The inspiration behind "The Flair," the heroic gymnast MacDonald created for the 1996 Summer Olympic Games in Atlanta, emerged from his painting of a



gymnast for the 1984 Olympics.

MacDonald has since sculpted other tributes, including "Momentum," a 15-foot monument installed in Pebble Beach to honor the 100th U.S. Open Golf Championship, and most recently, a bronze bust of San Francisco Mayor Willie Brown.

"The new millennium marks...the beginning of a renewed epoch in art, in which

the enlightened will find tremendous inspiration," MacDonald said. "Figurative art is something that both moves and reveals the soul."

MacDonald wants to help youth who might follow the path first laid for him by his uncle. Last year, he participated in New York's "Free Arts for Abused Children," a charity sponsored by Cirque du Soleil and

Lincoln Automotive. As he passes them, he ensures his legacy.

"Apprenticeship is the only way to art; you just won't get the essence of it in a university setting," MacDonald said. "Future and knowledge lies in those who are doing it. I want to present people with possibilities, to show what life can be from the perspective of another artist. This art-

Marina International Festival of the Winds Mother's Day Weekend

May 11-12, 2002

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Marina State Beach



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- Kite Making Workshops
- Wind-Related Kids Crafts
- M.E.S.A. Science and Technology Tent
- Crime Stoppers Children's Fingerprinting

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Que Syrah!



Monterey's Doug and LuAnn Meador have helped tell the wine industry what it will be

By M. Cristina Medina

Having soared to great heights in the cockpit of a fighter jet, Doug Meador knows the thrills of successfully completing a mission.

The former Navy pilot and Vietnam veteran applies the same principles to his current passion, capturing the right balance of nature and art in winemaking.

Meador and his wife, LuAnn, are pioneers in Monterey County, having established Ventana Vineyards some 30 years ago and earning the distinction of being research leaders.

Some might say Doug Meador is a visionary, having been one of the first in the state to realize the awesome potential for the industry's current craze — Syrah. Doug experimented with Syrah, first helping Gary Eberle, then of Estrella Vineyards (and now of Eberle), put down the first vines in the nation in 1974.

Doug went on to plant Syrah in a Salinas Valley test plot back in 1978. What grew from that first test plot sparked a revolution that promises to spread Monterey County's reputation for producing flavorful, berry-rich Syrah.

"I think Syrah will be more important to the American market than Cabernet Sauvignon, and Monterey County has the ideal conditions to grow it," said Doug, whose interest in viticulture was spawned by his agriculture background in helping his family grow apples in Washington state. "It's such a rich tasting wine, it's the kind that people take a drink, lean back and say, 'Oh, I like that.'"

The Salinas Valley's cold, wind-whipped afternoons make the ideal conditions for growing a berry-intense grape, said Doug, whose Syrah took first place last year, earning a perfect score with panelists from the Tasters Guild of New York.

"The cold climate makes the berries stand out. It brings out the black pepper qualities," Doug said. "It plays up all the aspects of a good Syrah."

Unlike tannin-heavy Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah is a wine that is easy for beginners to drink and is extremely versatile. Syrah from the Meador Estate and Ventana labels exude aromas of raspberries and blackberries, and its smooth flavor intermingles fruit with Syrah's signature hints of black pepper.

"Monterey County makes a lot of incredible reds, but I think Syrah will be its star," said LuAnn, a former Wells



Fargo Bank vice president who now runs the sales and distribution side of Ventana Vineyards and Meador Estate. LuAnn also has taken a leading role in Monterey County politics, promoting the wine industry and helping to shape its future by being a participant in the

county's controversial 20-year general plan update.

Doug's continued research and LuAnn's focus on the county's future are directed at ensuring that the best bounties of grapes will continue to grow from Monterey County's vibrant vineyards.

May Open Houses

In a winery's calendar, summer is for nurturing the vines, autumn is for harvest, and winter is for convalescing. Spring is for introducing new wines or most exciting vintages.

May 3 and 17**Wine-Tasting Seminar at Joullian Vineyards**

Winemaker's seminars for the connoisseur and the novice.

May 3: White Bordeaux Blend, Sauvignon Blanc and Semillon

May 17: Chardonnay Blending

Where: 2 Village Drive, Carmel Village

When: 6:00-7:30pm**Phone:** 831-659-8100**May 5****Springfest at Swiss Bistro Restaurant**

Celebrate the coming of spring with an afternoon of live music, dancing, Chateau Julien wines, and delicious Swiss specialties.

When: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Where: Carmel Barnyard Shopping Village, off Highway One

Phone: 831-626-3779**May 17-18****Springtime at La Mirada**

Delicious food and wine, guest speakers and bountiful rose gardens entertain days in which local artists display their work.

When: 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Where: La Mirada Gallery, Montaña

Phone: 831-372-5477**May 18****Spring Winemaker Dinner at Chateau Julien**

The winery's cobbled garden is the ideal setting for barrel-tasting, new release tastings, and a light buffet supper.

When: 6:30 p.m.

Where: Chateau Julien Winery, Valley

Phone: 831-624-260

Coming Up

June 15**Annual Zin-Q, Carmel**

Zinfandel release party and tasting at Joullian Vineyards

877-659-2800**Aug. 10****10th Annual Winemaker Celebration**

25 Monterey County wineries releases

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Sustainable seafood

Creative chefs come cooking for solutions in Monterey

By Laura Cameron

Shark's fin soup? Beluga caviar blinis? A tuna sandwich?

Whatever your favorite seafood, the Monterey Bay Aquarium wants you to think twice before popping it in your mouth. It may not be the last one on earth, but it may be perilously close.

The discussion about sustainable seafood harvesting has moved beyond purchasing "dolphin-friendly" tuna. "Correct" seafood choices may seem bewilderingly inconsistent.

If you think the no-no list is exclusively for rare wild varieties like swordfish, bluefin tuna and sturgeon, think again.

Stocks of cod, monkfish and Pacific red snapper are also in trouble. Nor does "farmed" automatically mean an "all-clear"—the fishery practices of farmed salmon or shrimp can create environmental damage through pollution and disease, making "wild-caught" Alaska salmon or

"trap-caught" spot prawns better choices overall.

Yet fish farming can be done well, to the benefit of both consumers and the environment: catfish, clams, rainbow trout and striped bass are all successfully farmed.

Eleven celebrity chefs will be in Monterey May 17-19 to present "Cooking for Solutions," an Aquarium-sponsored guide through the maze of sustainable seafood choices.

All are members of the Chefs Collaborative, a national network of food professionals who practice what they preach—that care in the food choices we make today can positively influence what we can choose tomorrow. Many are also on the Chefs Advisory Board of Ecofish, an organization promoting those fisheries which are universally considered healthy and are harvested in a sustainable manner. Their stated goal is to provide consumers with



ecologically sound seafood choices.

First among equals at the Cooking for Solutions saucépans must be Alice Waters, founder of Berkeley's Chez Panisse and an ardent champion of local, organic foodstuffs over globalized and denatured products. She is the keynote speaker at Friday evening's sold-out VIP reception. Waters will sign cookbooks during the "Celebrity Chefs Celebrate Sustainable Cuisine"

extravaganza that follows, during which the 10 other celebrity chefs will prepare the featured seafood dishes.

Three chefs stay on for Saturday morning's cooking demonstrations, preparing delicious seafood dishes, complete with recipes. Throughout the weekend, information booths devoted to seafood, organic agriculture and sustainable winemaking will fill the Aquarium's galleries.

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Aug. 31

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One Day Only...

Three historic Monterey County homes open their doors for once-a-year peeks

By Laura Cameron

You may not find an authentic "one day only" sale at the mall anymore, but three special Monterey County establishments mean it when they say "just today."

Robinson Jeffers, the poet of California's rocks and bays, and his wife, Una, came to Carmel in

1914. It took them 10 years to build Tor House and Hawk Tower themselves, hauling granite from the shoreline up to a hill above Carmel Bay.

On May 5, visitors are invited to the Annual Tor House Garden Party — the only day of the year when photographs may be taken

Please see Historic page 15



Robinson Jeffers' Tor House

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in the house and gardens. The home includes the monumental fireplace where the family gathered for nightly storytelling; the guest-room immortalized in Jeffers' "The Bed by the Window"; and Una's "wild English garden." The images are well worth the modest \$12 door charge.



Ed "Doc" Ricketts

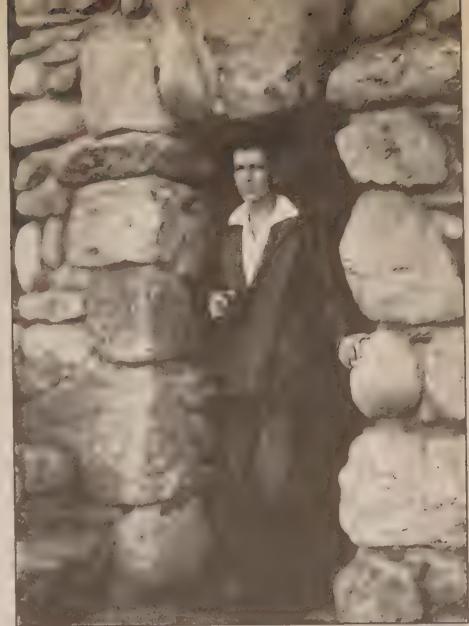
Tor House on other occasions. But the laboratory of Ed "Doc" Ricketts only opens its doors once a year (May 11), for hourly tours.

Made famous in John Steinbeck's "Cannery Row," Ricketts revolutionized the way we think about marine biology. From his crowded apartment-plus-lab, he patiently researched and catalogued the creatures of the bay. His watershed book, "Between Pacific Tides," became the foundation of our modern understanding of ecology. How appropriate that the Monterey Bay Aquarium is located just a few doors down from Ricketts' humble shack.

On Ricketts' birthday, May 14, Cannery Row celebrates with a festive evening at Kalisa's La Ida Cafe.

The business of Doc's Pacific Biological Laboratory was preserving the creatures he discovered in the bay for scientific study. At the Cooper-Molera Adobe Historic Garden Plant Sale, on May 18, it's all about living plants

This is the only day visitors may purchase cuttings and seeds taken from the plants in the adobe's garden. The old-fashioned roses, like the white climber Joan of Arc, the specimen geraniums and succulents, are not necessarily themselves historic plants. But they are historically accurate, as they are plants that would have been grown in the Cooper-Molera house's 2.5-acre garden around 1865. The docents who look after the garden can also tell novice gardeners where to plant their new treasures and how to keep them blooming and growing — for more than one day a year.



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BIG SUR JAZZFEST

- Where: Various Big Sur locales
- Phone: 831-667-1530
- Web: bigsurarts.com
- Time: 10 a.m.-11:30 p.m.
(times vary per event)
- Admission: \$10-\$35
(prices vary per event)

An up-and-coming jazz festival that takes place in and around Big Sur. This year's lineup includes the Brad Mehldau Trio, the Russell Malone Quartet, the Omar Sosa Septet and others.

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LAUGHTER ON THE 23RD FLOOR

- Where: Studio Theater, Salinas
- Phone: 831-755-6816
- Web: westernstage.com
- Admission: General: \$17, Senior: \$14, Group: \$10

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11-12

FESTIVAL OF THE WINDS

- Where: Marina
- Phone: 831-595-7516
- Web: marinafestival.com
- Time: 9 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Admission: Free



Pebble Beach Equestrian Challenge

Event takes advantage of one of the Peninsula's ubiquitous characteristics - wind - with kite flying, hang gliding, kids crafts, kite-making workshops, demonstrations and the Fourth Annual Tour de Fort Ord Bike Ride.

15-19

PEBBLE BEACH EQUESTRIAN CHALLENGE

- Where: Pebble Beach Equestrian Center
- Phone: 831-624-2756
- Web: pebblebeach.com
- Time: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Admission: Free (Pebble Beach gate fee is \$8.25 per car)

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16-19

SALINAS VALLEY FAIR

- Where: King City
- Phone: 831-385-3243
- Time: Noon-11 p.m.
- Admission: Free

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Salinas Valley Fair

17-18

SPRINGTIME AT LA MIRADA

- Where: Monterey Museum of Art at La Mirada
- Phone: 831-372-5477
- Web: montereymuseum.org
- Time: Friday: 6:30 - 9 p.m.; Saturday: 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Admission: Friday: \$45, Saturday: \$25

Friday's 2002 Preview Party at La Mirada includes theme guest appearances by noted 1920s celebrities. Saturday's walking tour of the Monterey Mesa includes a self-guided tour of California's most historic residential neighborhood. At La Mirada, enjoy an Artisans' Fair, live music, demonstrations and displays by Ikebana International.

COOKING FOR SUSTAINABLE

- Where: Portola Lagoon Aquarium
- Phone: 831-648-4444
- Web: montereybay.org
- Time: Friday, 6-9 p.m.; Saturday, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.
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18-19

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- Time: Starts at noon, May 18
- Admission: Free for spectators

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18-19

CASTROVILLE ARTICHOKE FESTIVAL

- Where: Castroville
- Phone: 831-633-2465
- Web: artichoke-festival.org
- Time: 9 a.m.-7 p.m.
- Admission: Adults: \$6, Children: \$3

Visitors can sample the many unique flavors of the artichoke in an atmosphere of pleasure, tasteful treats, musical entertainment, and arts and crafts.

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24 Hours of Adrenalin



Springtime at La Mirada

25-26

RED, WHITE AND A LITTLE BLUES — SOME ROCK AND LATIN, TOO!

- Where: Custom House Plaza, Monterey
- Phone: 831-655-8070
- Time: Starts at 11 a.m.
- Admission: Free

A Memorial Day red-white-and-blue festival, with live blues, rock and Latin music, arts and crafts.

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THE ELEPHANT MAN

- Where: Golden Bough Playhouse, Carmel
- Phone: 831-622-0100
- Web: pacrep.org
- Time: Friday-Saturday: 7:30 p.m., Sunday: 7 p.m.
- Admission: \$15-\$30

Pacific Repertory Theater's Summer Festival kicks off with Bernard Pomerance's poignant drama. Through June 30.



looking ahead

MONTEREY BAY BLUES FESTIVAL

- When: June 21-23
- Where: Monterey Fairgrounds, Monterey
- Phone: 831-394-2652
- Web: montereyblues.com

Started in 1985, the festival is known for electrifying blues performers, this year featuring Taj Mahal, The O'Jays, and John Mayall. More than 40 acts perform for three days at an event dedicated to preserving blues as an American art form.

HIDDEN GARDENS TOUR

- When: June 22
- Where: Big Sur
- Phone: 831-667-1530
- Website: hiddengardens.org

Musicians and artists are scattered throughout beautiful home gardens in Big Sur. Garden market at Captain Cooper School offers handicrafts and items to make a garden special.



CALIFORNIA RODEO SALINAS

- When: July 18-21
- Where: Salinas Fairgrounds, Salinas
- Phone: 831-775-3100
- Web: cardeo.com

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A Castroville festival celebrates the artichoke in all its incarnations

By Laura Cameron

Artichokes don't always create the best first impression, being a cross between a trifid and a giant hogweed. They line Highway 1 south of Watsonville for miles, managing to look airy and threatening at the same time.

But in the hands of a talented cook, those spiky green flowers reign supreme in the cuisines of France, Italy and Castroville.

This small, dusty North County town prides itself on being the nation's Artichoke Capital; 75 percent of all California artichokes are grown in Monterey County (where the artichoke is the "official vegetable"). Two-thirds of them are grown within 20 miles of Castroville.

The 43rd Annual Castroville Artichoke Festival celebrates the subtle thistle in every guise, with regional chefs demonstrating how to prepare them steamed, broiled, fried, quiched, grilled and poached with zingy sauces. (Beginners attend morning sessions entitled "The ABCs of Cooking

Artichokes.") If chefs treat the vegetable like royalty, who should be surprised? After all, Marilyn Monroe was the first Artichoke Queen, back in 1948.

Some festival attendees are less delicate about their 'choke consumption - they're the ones participating in the artichoke eating contest (timed against the clock, a hearty appetite recommended). Others treat artichokes like art - they're participating in the AGRO-

Five places to eat artichokes in Monterey County:

1) La Scuola Restaurant

10700 Merritt St., Castroville

Reservations: (831) 633-3200

Artichoke soup, Tortellini with artichokes and prosciutto, or a half-dozen other dishes

Art competition (bring an artistic artwork composed only of fruit and veggies to enter)

The festival has grown to include a half-dozen other events, some of which have very little to do with vegetables.

It kicks off on Saturday morning with the Annual PAL 10K run along the Monterey coastline, past the wetlands of Elkhorn Slough, and down the dirt agricultural roads linking Castroville's artichoke fields. Also

2) Tarpy's Roadhouse

Highway 68 at Canyon del Rey Blvd., Monterey

Reservations: (831) 655-2999

Fire-roasted Castroville artichoke with basil pesto aioli

3) Nepenthe

Highway One, Big Sur

on Saturday is the Artichoke Parade, one of the largest and most colorful judged parades on the Pacific Coast, this year's theme is "Castroville: A Place to Grow."

There's an RV Jamboree, the Artichoke Classic Car Show, and live entertainment from local heroes like the John "Broadway" Tucker Blues Band, Dr. Loco's Rockin' Jalapeño Band and Mariachi California de Javier Vargas.

When all is said and done, this festival is about slow food at its best. There's no point in speeding up the contemplative, leaf-by-tasty-leaf consumption of a Castroville artichoke.

French feta cheese

5) Lincoln Court Restaurant

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For all time

Two brothers have taken care to maintain a property that, for all its access, seems a world away



By Jerry Stewart

Salinas Valley agricultural magnates and philanthropists Roger and Basil Mills thought they'd seen it all after 50 years in Monterey County.

Then the two brothers were introduced to their "Eden."

"When we saw it, we immediately knew it was a special place," said Roger, the younger of the two. "It was one

of those things you had to see to believe."

Owners and operators of Mills, Inc., a vegetable-growing and shipping firm founded in 1958, the duo decided to do

what they've always done — share the wealth.

The result? Monterra, a majestic, gated community located in Monterey above Highway 68 that can only be

described as a triumph of reverie. Monterra is only seven short minutes to Carmel and three miles from the beach, yet it is tucked back into a sun belt away from the dense fog. It is only moments to shopping and restaurants, yet set in the forest with meadows, seclusion and security.

"We've been a part of many other projects, but this is our masterpiece," Basil said. "This is what we've always wanted."

Acclaimed as some of the most beautiful land on the Peninsula, in person, Monterra exceeds its accolades.

Nestled among nearly 2,000 acres of densely wooded rolling hills near Jack's Peak, the sun-drenched area features not only picturesque groves of oak and pine in golden meadows, but



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Inn the mood

The Inns by the Sea are an extension of intimate Carmel

By Jerry Stewart

Located only footsteps from the coast, the Inns by the Sea are an invitation not only to explore, but to be a part of the magic that is the Monterey Peninsula.

The six inns, all of which nestle their guests as closely as the fog does the coast, are a staple for frequent visitors who want a stay that is every bit as intimate as the towns they are visiting.

Founded in 1975 when entrepreneur Thomas F. Reiser acquired Carmel's Wayside and Dolphin Inns, the half-dozen properties are unified by their similar creature comforts, though each boasts its own character.

"(Diversity) has always been our goal," said Inns by the Sea president Gary Luce, whose group also operates additional inns in other serene shoreline areas such as Santa Barbara and Half Moon Bay. "We believe our

collection of inns allows our guests to explore the California coast selecting from a diverse accommodations while experiencing the same levels of quality and service from inn to inn."

The commitment of Luce and his staff has led to Inns by the Sea winning numerous accolades, including local Business of the Year and Hospitality Industry of the Year.

But, Luce says, word of mouth is the best recognition of all.

"Our real success is measured by our repeat guests, as well as those referred to us by our regular guests and the local community," Luce said.

Inns by the Sea includes the following:

- **Svensgaard's Inn** (Corner of San Carlos and 4th St., Carmel-by-the-Sea, 831-624-1511): Located in the heart of Carmel,



this popular inn with its European-draped beds is built around a garden courtyard and swimming pool. Many of the 35 rooms offer fireplaces, kitchenettes, microwaves and two-person Jacuzzi tubs.

- **Wayside Inn** (Mission and 7th St., Carmel-by-the-Sea, 831-626-6974): Snug among pine trees, this inn features full suites, two-bathroom suites and deluxe and standard accommodations.

- Jacuzzi tubs for two, fireplaces, kitchens, patios and balconies all compliment the colonial Williamsburg decor.

- **Dolphin Inn** (San Carlos and 4th St., Carmel-by-the-Sea, 831-624-4891): Tucked in the heart of the village, many of the large rooms and full suites have fireplaces, king-size beds and luxurious whirlpool spa tubs. Fresh flowers in your room are a special touch, along with balconies that overlook a heated swimming pool.

- **Carriage House Inn** (Junipero between 7th and 8th St., Carmel-by-the-Sea, 831-624-0974): Awarded the prestigious AAA 4-Diamond rating for 25 consecutive years, the Carriage

House is the only 4-Diamond lodging in the village. Guests are welcomed in the living room where early evening wine and hors d'oeuvres are followed by turndown service. Late evening Port and cookies round out the day. The spacious, non-smoking rooms feature fireplaces and king-size beds with fluffy comforters.

- **Candlelight Inn** (San Carlos between 4th and 5th St., Carmel-by-the-Sea 831-624-6732): A romantic Tudor-style inn located in the heart of the village.

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...unlike vistas of Monterey Bay, well. Then, there's the plethora of wildflowers that paint the hills a rich shade of purple, and the teeming life that includes deer and wild turkeys.

"All only minutes from downtown Monterey, it's a special place close, yet so far away. What we've always wanted is a rural, relaxing place to live, and we have that here at Monterra," Basil said. "The goal is to keep things that way, too."

Ever in pursuit of preserving the natural features, the Millses already decided that 800-900 feet will remain open space. They plan to make sure that each home is built with its natural setting. Roads will be sunken so as not to disturb tree lines. Monterra also plans to reclaim water. The Millses are gone as far as to use indigenous sandstone throughout the property to line pathways and create massive parapets.

When we purchased Monterra, we became guardians, and it's our hope that this property continue to be respected," Basil said. "It's all about concern and integrity." Future plans include a centrally located community center and the



construction of a Spa and Fitness Center that will be based at nearby Tehama Golf Club.

Overall, a total of 171 lots at Monterra will be available through 2010, with parcels ranging from 1.5 to 5.1 acres, and prices ranging from

\$1 million to \$2 million. Phase 1A, which has already been completed, consists of 30 lots, with each home meeting the required 3,500 square foot minimum. Phase 1B, expected to be unveiled late this year or early 2003, features 21 lots. The remaining

five phases, meanwhile, are expected to be completed in the next seven years.

"I've lived in eight states and two countries, and I have to say once I got here my prayers were answered," Basil said. "The

Monterey Peninsula is one of the greatest places in the world to live, and I've come to find that a lot of people feel the same way."

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The world's senior golf tourism company is turning its attention closer to home

By Jerry Stewart

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As the globe's most senior golf tourism company, Wide World of Golf has not only escorted tens of thousands of individual and group golfers around the world since 1957, but has done so in style, as well.

"Our commitment is to provide our clientele with the best possible golf travel experience and the highest level of personal service," Wide World of Golf president Bill Hogan said.

Originally founded by San Francisco Olympic Club member Michael Roseto, Wide World of Golf generally has catered to players who were looking into tee

times overseas.

Given a slow economy and Sept. 11, many such travel companies have re-emphasized looking at places closer to home. This trend plays right into the hands of the Carmel-based company, as courses like Pebble Beach Golf Links and Spyglass Hill are but a mid-iron from Wide World of Golf's front door.

"Where in the past a majority of our business has been taking clients overseas, there is now a growing scheme to bring more players to the Monterey Peninsula," said Hogan, who joined the Wide World of Golf staff in 1986. "Being headquartered here and being renowned as the 'Golf Capital of the World,' we've found that it's a natural to try and bring players to the area."

As part of the company's new

push to bring more golfers to the Peninsula, Wide World of Golf will unveil a new website (golfmonterey.net) this month. The entire site will be devoted to golf travel on the Monterey Peninsula.

"The site will be a great format for people to browse all of the Peninsula's great courses, plus it will provide recommendations for things such as restaurants and wine tastings," Hogan said. "It'll be a great way to examine all of the different possibilities that are available."

As for Hogan's other Peninsula picks beyond Pebble Beach and Spyglass, the list includes Bayonet/Black Horse Golf Course (Seaside), Quail Lodge Resort and Golf Club (Carmel Valley), Poppy Hills (Pebble Beach) and Pasadera Golf Club (Monterey).

Current Monterey Peninsula packages include:

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- **The Pebble Beach-Inn at Spanish Bay Tour** (4 days/3 nights): Along with three nights lodging at the five-star Inn at Spanish Bay, guests enjoy rounds at Spyglass and Pebble Beach.

- **The Carmel Sampler Tour** (4 days/3 nights): Along with staying at Clint Eastwood's famed Mission Ranch, guests play two rounds of golf at Poppy Hills, The Links at Spanish Bay or Carmel Valley Ranch.

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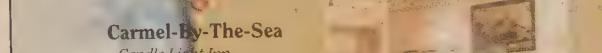
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Coast the coast

From its rings around the bay to its wide-open spaces, Monterey County has become a cycling mecca

By Amy Ettinger

The most strenuous, muscle-cramping mountain-bike ride in the cycling Mecca that is Monterey County may be "hurl hill," a 5-mile trail that loops through Fort Ord.

Even hard-core mountain bikers grunt and sweat through the grueling trail that ends with an uphill climb, as its unofficial name implies. Also known as Trail 47, the loop begins at the Laguna Seca campgrounds in Monterey and winds through grasslands and hills that promise unforgettable views and a memorable workout.

Not in the mood for that kind of burn? There are plenty of other trails to choose from in the county if you've got the biking bug.

The natural slopes and valleys of the area are a cyclist's dream. And even novice riders can find trails that will gear them up for a fun-filled ride.

Bruce Delgado, a botanist with the Bureau of Land Management, said that there are more than 80 miles of trails near Fort Ord. About 10 percent of those are asphalt, and the rest are



a mountain biker's dream.
"I can't think of another county that is as big a mountain-biking destination," said Delgado.

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Description: Home to the annual Sea Otter Classic MTB Festival, Laguna Seca offers a large range of trails for both beginners and expert riders.

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Difficulty: Easy-Hard

Directions: From Monterey take Highway 68 south towards Salinas for approximately 6 miles. Watch for park signs and turn left into main entrance. Park located halfway between Salinas and Monterey.

2) OLD COAST ROAD

Description: Located in Big Sur off Highway 1, Old Coast Road was the original Big Sur road before Bixby Bridge was built. As for riding, the 11-mile road offers many challenges and some severe uphill climbs. Great views of the Pacific.

Difficulty: Moderate-Hard

Directions: From Carmel take Highway 1 south towards Big Sur. Just before the Bixby Bridge area turn left onto Old Coast Road.

3) TORO REGIONAL PARK

Description: Located halfway between Salinas and Monterey, Toro Park offers some mountain bike areas for both beginners and expert riders. Make sure to check what trails are available.

Difficulty: Easy-Hard

Directions: From Monterey take Highway 68 south towards Salinas for approximately 9 miles. Exit onto Portola Road in Toro Park area. Turn into park entrance.

4) FORT ORD (EAST GARRISON)

Description: Coming in Fort Ord from the western side, this area features mountain bike areas similar to Laguna Seca. In fact, riders can connect to

Laguna Seca. Some areas less maintained than others.

Difficulty: Moderate-Hard

Directions: From Highway 1 or Highway 68 exit into Del Rey Oaks. Turn onto North-South Road and head north. Accessible areas include Watkins Gate and Eucalyptus Road.

5) GARLAND REGIONAL PARK

Description: Mountain bike riding is limited at Garland Park, but what is available will make any rider happy. Park features a few trails and elevation changes from 200 to 2,000 feet.

Difficulty: Easy-Hard

Directions: From Carmel turn left onto Carmel Valley Road and head east for approximately 8.6-miles. Watch for park signs. Park located off Carmel Valley Road. Riding trails near Cooper Ranch area.

ROAD-BIKING

1) COAST RIDE

Description: Follows the Pacific Grove-Monterey Recreation Trail into Pebble Beach and 17-Mile Drive. Relatively flat, but offers a great view of the some of the Peninsula's best spots.

Difficulty: Easy-Moderate

Directions: A favorite starting point is Lovers Point in Pacific Grove. From Highway 1 take the Pacific Grove/Pebble Beach exit. Follow Highway 68 into Pacific Grove. Highway 68 will turn into Forest Ave. Take Forest Ave. down to Lovers Point area.

2) THE MONTEREY LOOP

Description: For those looking for long summer rides, this is it. The loop takes riders through Highway 68 and onto River Road outside of Salinas. From there riders can head south toward the Arroyo

Seco area. The full 110-plus mile loop will take riders all the way back to Carmel Valley Road.

Difficulty: Hard

Directions: Start at Highway 68 and ride east toward Salinas. Exit onto River Road and turn right. Road turns into county road G17, then later G16 (Carmel Valley Road).

3) LOS LAURELES GRADE

Description: One of the most popular local rides, Laureles Grade is also one of the most demanding. The reward is getting to the top and then cruising down. Features severe uphills. Bring water.

Difficulty: Hard

Directions: From Monterey take Highway 68 east toward Salinas. Turn right onto Los Laureles Grade. Also accessible from Carmel Valley Road.

4) FORT ORD

Description: Offers numerous paved roads for riding. Great place for beginners and experts. Some severe uphills.

Difficulty: Easy-Hard

Directions: From Monterey take Highway 1 to Marina. Exit into Marina and turn right onto Reservation Road. Head down Reservation Road for approximately 8-10 miles. Look for access sites.

5) CARMEL VALLEY ROAD

Description: One of the more popular rides, Carmel Valley Road offers it all. Riders can head over Los Laureles Grade or deeper into the valley. Offers scenic views. Some severe uphills. Watch for traffic.

Difficulty: Easy-Hard

Directions: From Carmel and Highway 1 turn left onto Carmel Valley Road. There are numerous starting points. Can also start in Carmel Valley Village.

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Carmel style

The Peninsula, a leader in making more of less

By Jim Ockert

It's taken me a career to really define "Carmel style." Because there's such an eclectic mix here — from teachers and artists to CEOs — with such diverse motivations and incomes, it's one of the more difficult areas to stock a clothing store.

What I know is that the fashions I see represented here are somewhat ahead of the curve, in that for awhile we've been where professionals in the Bay Area are now heading. People who live here do so because, while they could do well in the Bay Area, they want something different. They want to be in a place that is an extension of who they are.

I think there's a distinguishing factor about that Carmel style. Fashion here is expressive, yet very pulled together; classic Italian or classic American. For 10 years there's been lots of talk about "dress-down." But many took dress-down to the

ridiculous. It's as if a bunch of people just said, "Well, I guess I can look like hell now."

But things have changed, given a down economy, Sept. 11, etc. "Big A" firms are saying that when you're selling something for a million dollars, you might want to look nice. There are fewer dollars out there, and there's more at stake.

There's nothing wrong with a less-than-formal appearance. But it should at least look as though you thought about what you're wearing. One way to retain your own flavor is with layers, which is something we see a lot of here, partially due to the way the weather changes so quickly on the coast. Not everything has to match. We like to help a guy pull together chinos pants with a denim shirt, a sweater and a jacket. It's like a big puzzle. In the spring, we carry 25-30 lines of sports shirts. 'n the fall, it's 30 sweater lines. When folks do manage to

dress up here, there's definitely a flair to it. Carmel has an artistic sensibility to it. We're seeing a trend toward that fashion sense with our Bay Area customers. We're selling far more ties than we did two years ago. But because people have become accustomed to expressing themselves individually at work, the ties we're selling have more color to them. Simply put, I call them "pretty ties." Likewise, the textured fabrics are in — things by Loro Piana or Ermenegildo Zenga.

No doubt, dress is important around here. I think folks long ago discovered a way to be pulled together, yet expressive. As dress becomes more important in the Bay Area, I think people are going our direction.

Jim Ockert is the owner of J. Lawrence Khaki's Men's Clothier in Carmel's Barnyard Shopping Center in Carmel. His phone number is 831-625-8106.



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12 Mother's Day at the Club and the Covey

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17 Cooking for Solutions at the Monterey Bay Aquarium

Alice Waters and other well-known chefs headline a series of events celebrating sustainable seafood. Monterey. 831-644-7561. Thru May 19.

18 Springtime Winemaker's Dinner

Chateau Julien winery hosts a spring evening in Carmel Valley. Enjoy new releases, barrel tastings and a buffet. 831-624-2600. chateaulejuien.com.

18 Castroville Artichoke Festival

A celebration of the artichoke, featuring tasty treats, music and arts and crafts. 831-633-2465. artichoke-festival.org. Thru May 19.

19 Sunday at Stonewine - Vines and Vintages

Exclusive Carmel Valley resort Stonewine hosts a unique garden party featuring wine and food tasting, a carving station, buffet, a fashion show and music. Carmel Valley. \$75 per person. 2 p.m.-5 p.m. 831-375-4454.

EVENTS

5 Wine Tasting Seminar

Joulian Vineyards hosts a series of wine tastings. Featured wine: (White) Bordeaux Blending. Carmel Valley. 831-659-8100. joulian.com

5 May Springfest

Celebrate the coming of Spring with an afternoon of live music, dancing, Swiss food and Chateau Julien wines. Carmel Valley. 831-626-3779. swissbistro.com

12 Celebration of Chocolate and Wine

(Please see "Dining")
17 Wine Tasting Seminar
 Joulian Vineyards hosts a series of wine tastings. Featured wine: Chardonnay Blending. Carmel Valley. 831-659-8100. joulian.com

19 Sunday at Stonewine - Vines and Vintages

(Please see "Dining")
ONGOING EVENTS

Monterey County Wine Focus

Features wine tasting and wine education. 3 p.m.-5 p.m. vary by the glass. Each Wednesday Rancho Del Mar. 831-625-5646.

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Elkhorn Yacht Club, 831-724-3875

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GOLF

EVENTS

6 Senior California Women's Amateur Golf Championship

Top female amateur golfers over the age of 50 compete at Bayonet/Black Horse Golf Course in Seaside. 831-624-4923. users.aol.com/cwacpol/. Thru May 8.

10 Northern California Golf Association 36th Four-Ball Championship

Top California amateurs battle it out in this two-man best-ball team tournament. Spyglass Hill Golf Course. 831-625-4653. nccga.org. Thru May 12.

20 U.S. Open Local Qualifying

Aspiring professionals and amateurs aim for a spot in the 2002 U.S. Open Championship. Bayonet Golf Course, www.bayonetgolf.com. 831-899-7271. bayonetgolf@redshift.com

25 Cotton and Bob's Two-Man Better Ball Tournament

Top California amateurs compete in this two-man best-ball team tournament. Salinas Fairways Golf Course, Salinas. 831-758-7300. amateurgolf.com. Thru May 26.

25 Monterey Bay Championship/Monterey Bay Senior Championship

Top California amateurs compete in this two-day stroke play championship. Bayonet/Black Horse Golf Course, Seaside. 831-899-7271. amateurgolf.com. Thru May 26.



TOURNAMENTS

4 NAACP Golf Tournament

Bayonet Golf Course. 2 p.m., shotgun start. 831-394-3727

6 Carmel Valley Rotary

Rancho Cañada Golf Course. Noon shotgun start. 831-625-5965

9 Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce

Bayonet/Black Horse Golf Course. Noon. 831-648-5360

13 Three Amigos and Friends Fundraiser

Bayonet/Black Horse Golf Course. 10 a.m. 831-899-7271

17 Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital

Quail Lodge Resort and Golf Club 1 p.m. 831-620-8808

22 California Restaurant Association

Quail Lodge Resort and Golf Club. 12:30 p.m.. 831-620-8808

25 American Lung Association

Quail Lodge Resort and Golf Club. 1 p.m.. 831-620-8808

30 Kris Kringle Fundraiser

Quail Lodge Resort and Golf Club. 1 p.m.. 831-620-8808.

PUBLIC-PLAY COURSES

Carmel Valley Ranch Resort, 831-626-2510

Del Monte Golf Course, 831-373-2700

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Monterey Pines Golf Course, 831-656-2167

Pacific Grove Municipal Golf Course, 831-648-5777

Pajaro Valley Golf Club, 831-724-3851

Pasadera Country Club (Tues. only), 831-372-4485

Pebble Beach Golf Links, 831-624-3811

Peter Hay Golf Course (9-holes), 831-624-3811

Poppo Hills Golf Course, 831-622-8239

Quail Lodge Resort, 831-620-8808

Rancho Cañada Golf Club (East and West Course), 800-536-9459

Salinas Fairways Golf Course, 831-758-7300

Salinas Golf and Country Club, 831-449-1526

Spyglass Hill Golf Course, 831-625-8563



EVENTS

3 Big Sur Jazz Fest (Please see "Music")

Antique carousel, horse racing derby, Old Emporium and more. Cannery Row, Monterey. montereypark.com

Elkhorn Slough safari Nature Tour
Watch Wildlife in action; birds, aquatic mammals, Elkhorn Slough, Moss Landing. 831-633-9595

Glass-Bottom Boat
View undersea wildlife while staying dry. Monterey. 831-372-7150

Maritime Museum
Celebrates Monterey's rich seafaring heritage. Plaza, Monterey. 831-375-2553. mnmh.org

Mission San Antonio
On-site museum, Jolon. 831-395-4478

Monterey Bay Aquarium
Aquarium's Splash Zone allows kids to get up close. Cannery Row, Monterey. 831-648-4888. montereybayaquarium.org

Monterey County Youth Museum
Exhibits include sound experiments, dramatic stage, only kitchen aid more. Monterey. 831-649-6444. mymu.org

Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History
Exhibits featuring local wildlife. 831-649-5710

Pacific House
Explore Monterey's Spanish, Mexican and early heritage. Custom House Plaza, Monterey. pacifichouse.org

Soledad Mission
On-site museum, gardens. 831-678-2586

Wild Things
Explore and learn about wildlife; features live bears, Salinas. 831-455-1901.



SHOPPING

EVENTS

5 34th Annual Carmel Valley Flower Plant Sale

View flower displays prepared by different Carmel nurseries and gardens. Carmel Valley. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. admission. 831-659-9488.

18 Cooper-Molera Historic Garden

A rare opportunity to purchase plants, cutting and seeds taken from this historic garden. 831-649-7118.



FAMILY

EVENTS

11 Festival of the Winds (Please see "Outdoors")

16 Salinas Valley Fair
Enjoy an old-fashioned fair with carnival, Junior Rodeo and arts and crafts. King City. 831-385-3243.

18 Castroville Artichoke Festival

A celebration of the artichoke, featuring tasty treats, music and arts and crafts. 831-633-2465. artichoke-festival.org.

19 71st Annual Carmel Kite Festival (Please see "Outdoor")

25 Red, White & A Little Blues..Some Rock and Latin Too!

(Please see "Festival")

FAMILY ATTRACTIONS

Carmel Mission

On-site museum featuring rare California religious artifacts. 831-624-3600

ONGOING

Carmel Valley Farmer's Market

Artisans booths, entertainment, produce, bread, Carmel Valley Village, third Saturday of each month p.m. 831-659-2377.

Collectors Fair

Monterey County Fairgrounds, first Saturday in each month. 831-372-5863.

Hartnell College Farmer's Market

Fruits and vegetables, flowers, bread and more. Hartnell College, Salinas, each Sunday 8 a.m.-Noon. hartnellcollege.org

Monterey Bay Certified Farmer's Market (Monterey)

Fruits and vegetables, flowers, bread and more. Peninsula College, Monterey, each Thursday 2 p.m.-3 p.m. montereybayfarmersmarket.com

Monterey Bay Certified Farmer's Market (Salinas)

Fruits and vegetables, bread, eggs and more. Salinas, each Sunday 8 a.m.-Noon. 82895.com

Monterey Fairgrounds Flea Market

Monterey County Fairgrounds, each Saturday 372-5863.

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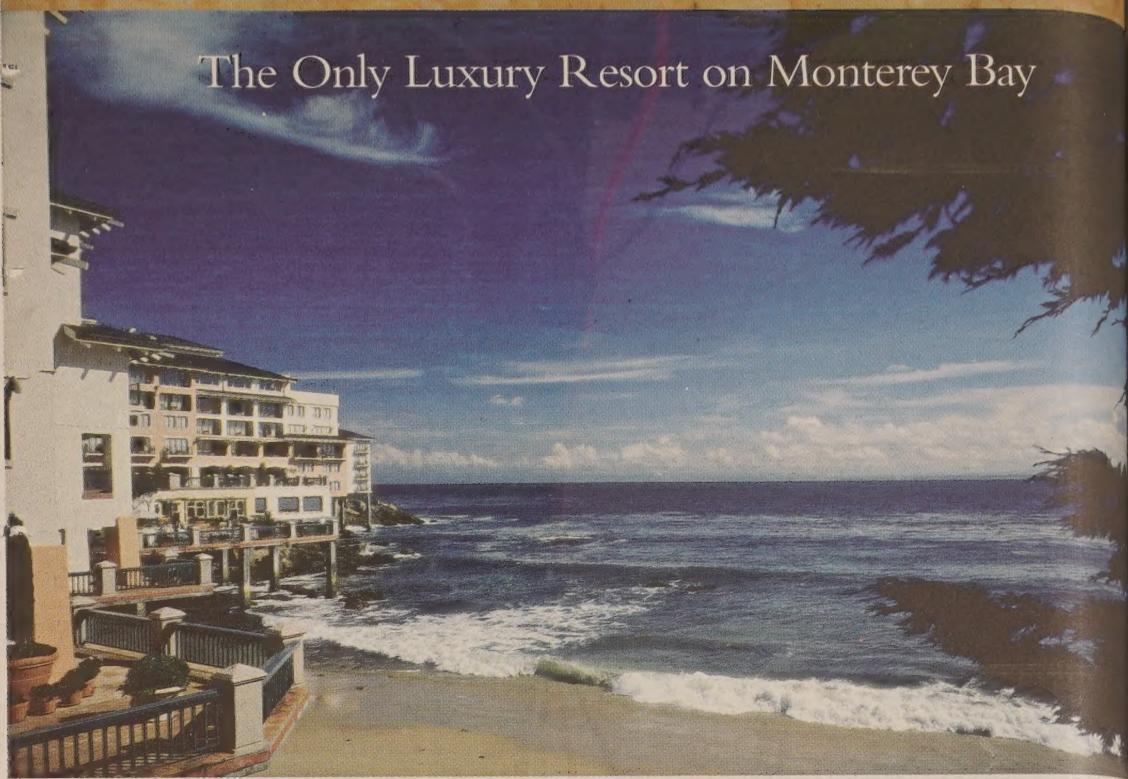


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